

**California High-Speed Rail Authority
Questions and Written Responses
For
RFQs HSR08-03, HSR08-04, & HSR08-05**

Q1) Is it permissible to include appendices that are not part of the official SOQ and therefore outside the 60-page limit?

A1) Yes.

Q2) Do the subconsultant transmittal letters and DVBE forms count within the 60-page SOQ limit? If no, is it permissible to include this information as part of an appendix that is outside of the 60-page SOQ limit?

A2) No. Yes it is permissible to include the DVBE forms as part of an appendix.

Q3) What are the schedule expectations for completion of preliminary engineering and environmental review (leading to one or more RODs) for the 3 corridors?

A3) The timeline for the completion of the preliminary engineering and the environmental review (leading to the ROD) is 36 months from the issuance of the NOI/NOP.

Q4) What are the Authority's funding expectations for the 3 corridors in the 2008-2009 timeframe, so that appropriate workplans can be developed?

A4) At this time, without a state budget for the 2008/09 fiscal year, it is difficult to accurately answer this question. Most likely the contracts for all three corridors will not be fully executed until early October, followed by a period of mobilizing the teams, leaving approximately 6 months to begin the preliminary engineering and environmental work.

Q5) For 03 Altamont Corridor: Assuming Proposition 1 is passed by the voters, what are the Authority's expectations regarding bond fund availability to the Altamont Corridor for engineering and environmental review, with respect to the \$9 billion for the high speed train program and \$950 million for regional projects that provide connectivity?

A5) If Proposition 1, in its current form, passes the Authority will continue the planning efforts in this corridor as described in the Bay Area – Central Valley Program EIR/EIS utilizing proceeds from the \$9 billion bond measure. The \$950 million regional funds have been allocated by formula and will be administered by the CTC.

Q6) Acumen is a DBE. We provide strategic planning and project control services and other transportation consulting needs. Since there is no formal pre-bid meeting or sign in sheet, can you provide a list of expected consultants one might expect to go after this RFQ so we can offer them our services and discuss teaming, or offer to provide our services to their firms?

A6) *Lists of those that requested the RFQs from the State Contracts Register as of July 21, 2008 are provided as an attachment. Please note however, these lists do not include those that downloaded the RFQs from the Authority's website, contacted the Authority staff directly, or took hard copies at CHSRA board meetings.*

Q7) Is there a list that we could post our services for this RFP as a DBE professional services firm?

A7) *No.*

Q8) If there is not a list for DBE's, can one be created and posted? We would suggest the website or reference to a link.

A8) *Firms can post advertisements directly to the RFQ announcements on the California State Contract Register (<http://www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr>).*

Q9) The RFQ states that there is a 60 page limit not including resumes. Since the transmittal letters (for both prime and subconsultants) are not part of the technical qualifications, could they please also be excluded from the 60 page count?

A9) *Yes.*

Q10) Can we assume that the tab dividers will not count as pages in the 60 page count?

A10) *Yes.*

Q11) Can we exclude the DVBE Standard Form 840 from the 60 page count limitation?

A11) *Yes.*

Q12) Will a one-page *Table of Contents* count towards the 60 page count?

A12) *No.*

Q13) Page 1 of the RFQ states the RFQ number as ***Number HSR08-03***, and this same number (***HSR08-0003***) is affixed in the upper right-hand corner of the RFQ pages, however, on page 3 under "SOQ Package Submittal Instructions", it states that the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed package labeled as follows: ***RFQ Number HSR08-0001***. Can you please clarify and advise as to which number is the correct number to be used for this submission?

A13) *The correct contract number to be used for this submission is HSR08-03.*

Q14) What are the specific requirements and documentation needed to satisfy the Financial Responsibility criteria?

A14) *Firms proposing on the RFQs are required to carry professional liability insurance and should provide evidence of at least \$5 million in professional liability insurance. Firms should also provide a copy of their certified overhead statement and present their last two years of certified financial statements.*

Q15) Can the Financial Responsibility portion of the SOQ be excluded from the 60 page count?

A15) *Yes.*